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FM AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6702

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP SWEL NG

SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

REF: STATE 224832, LAGOS 9161 OUAGADOUGOU 2350

1. WELCOME CODEL DIGGS VISIT.

2. PRESIDENT DIORI DOES NOT HAVE PRIVATE PLANE. HE USES AIR NIGER DC-3 FOR INTERNAL TRIPS. APPROXIMATE DC-3 CHARTER COSTS OUAGA/NIAMEY/AGADECZ/LAGOS DOLS 7,000. SINCE PRESIDENT DIORI, DIRECTOR OF CABINET LECA AND CHIEF PROTOCOL CURRENTLY OUT OF COUNTRY, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE OBTAIN INDICATIONS WHETHER PRESIDENT WILLING PICK UP TAB FOR CODEL PLANE. WE WILL DISCUSS WITH CHIEF PROTOCOL QUESTION OF PLANE PLUS SCHEDULE LATE TOMORROW AFTERNOON (IF PARTY HAS RETURNED FROM PARIS AS ANTICIPATED). SINCE THERE ONLY ONE DAY BETWEEN ARRIVAL PRESIDENT DIORI AND PARTY AND DEPARTURE FOR FIVE-DAY STATE VISIT ZAMBIA, WE MAY NOT HAVE DEFINITIVE WORD ABOUT PAYMENT FOR PLANE CHARTER OR SCHEDULE UNTIL NOVEMBER 25. IN MEANWHILE WE WILL RESERVE PLANE FOR NOVEMBER 26-28.

3. EMBASSY WILL PROPOSE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE TO GON:

NOVEMBER 26 -

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0900 - LEAVE OUAGADOUGOU FOR NIAMEY
1200 - ARRIVE NIAMEY (ONE HOUR TIME DIFFERENCE)
1300 - LUNCH AT RESIDENCE
1600 - CALL ON PRESIDENT DIORI, FOLLOWED BY CALLS
ON RELATED GON OFFICIALS
2000 - DINNER AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE

NOVEMBER 27

0900 - LEAVE NIAMEY FOR AGADEZ
1200 - ARRIVE AGADEZ
VISIT GRAIN DISTRIBUTION CENTERS AND
IRRIGATION PROJECTS

NOVEMBER 28

0800 - LEAVE AGADEZ FOR LAGOS VIA ZINDER

1330 - ARRIVE LAGOS

4. WE ARE EXPLORING WITH EMBASSY LAGOS POSSIBILITY HAVING NAVAJO
(LAGOS 9161) MEET CODEL AT ZINDER FOR ONWARD FLIGHT TO LAGOS.
USE OF CAVAJO IS FASTER AND CHEAPER THAN DC-3 WHICH MAY HAVE TO
LAND ZINDER IN ANY CASE FOR REFUELING.

5. CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT IS RONALD L. KATES, ECON/COMM
OFFICER.
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